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Funds Sanctioned under PRASAD Scheme
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the funds sanctioned and utilised under PRASAD scheme for the integrated development of pilgrimage destinations in a planned, prioritised and sustainable manner to various States including Kerala;
(b) whether the Government has included Sabarimala and Guruvayur under PRASAD scheme for the development of these popular pilgrim centres;
(c) if so the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
(d) the reaction of the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (d): The details of funds sanctioned and utilised under the PRASAD Scheme (National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation And Spiritual Augmentation Drive) since its launch in 2014-15 to various State Governments is annexed.

The Ministry has identified Guruvayur in Kerala as one of the 23 sites for development under PRASAD Scheme in 2016-17.

The Ministry of Tourism has also launched Swadesh Darshan scheme in 2014-15 for integrated development of theme based tourist circuits in the country. Under the Scheme the Ministry has sanctioned following two projects for development of Sabarimala in Kerala:

(i) 'Development of Sabarimala -Erumeli-Pampa-Sannidhanam as a Spiritual Circuit in District Pathanamthitta', in Kerala with Central Financial Assistance of Rs.99.99 crore.
(ii) 'Development of Sree Padmanabha Arnamula-Sabarimala-as a Spiritual Circuit' in Kerala with Central Financial Assistance of Rs.92.44 crore.
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